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In re application of

Masaaki ORIKASA

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For: ORTHODONTIC BRACKET

#### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 20, Please delete the second full paragraph and replace with the following new paragraph:

Figs. 2(A) and 2(B) are a cross sectional view and a plan view showing the orthodontic bracket of the first embodiment;

Page 20, Please delete the third full paragraph and replace with the following new paragraph:

Figs. 3(A) and 3(B) are a cross sectional view and a plan view showing the orthodontic bracket of the first embodiment;

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Page 20, Please delete the fourth full paragraph and replace with the following new paragraph:

Figs. 4(A) to 4(D) are cross sectional views showing the archwire slot;

Page 21, Please delete the sixth full paragraph and replace with the following new paragraph:

Figs. 15(A) and 15(B) is a whole perspective view and a partially perspective view showing the prior art example 2.

#### **REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **APPENDIX**

# VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

Page 20, second full paragraph:

Figs. 2(A) and 2(B) are is a cross sectional view and a plan view showing the orthodontic bracket of the first embodiment;

Page 20, third full paragraph:

Figs. 3(A) and 3(B) are is a cross sectional view and a plan view showing the orthodontic bracket of the first embodiment;

Page 20, fourth full paragraph:

Figs. 4(A) to 4(D) are is a cross sectional views showing the archwire slot;

Page 21, sixth full paragraph:

Figs. 15(A) and 15(B) is a whole perspective view and a partially perspective view showing the prior art example 2.